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MACNEIL: In Washington, the Reagan administration continued its attacks on the Soviet Union as a source of terrorism in the world. Yesterday, Secretary of State Shultz denounced the Soviets for sponsoring what he called a 'league of terror.' Today, speaking to the same international conference on terrorism, U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick again attacked the Soviet Union.

JEANE KIRKPATRICK (U.S. ambassador to the U.N.): The Soviet Union, Soviet theorists, began to identify the armed road, they called it, as the way to power in the Western Hemisphere. National liberation movement is the name given to groups supported by the Soviet Union and associated states seeking power by violence. Their acceptance as legitimate by and inside the United Nations is as good an indicator as any of the moral confusion which has come to surround the use of violence, the choice of violence as the method of political action, the preferred method of political action, the instrument of first resort.

MACNEIL: Defense Secretary Weinberger was also talking about terrorism today. He told reporters it might be useful to call upon the United Nations to create an international organization to deal with terrorism. Jim?

LEHRER: The list of journalists who are experts on terrorism is a short one. Some would say it contains only one name, that of Claire Sterling. Ms. Sterling has been a U.S. correspondent in Rome for 30 years. She was the first to report authoritatively of the networks among terrorists and the first to report the alleged Bulgarian connection to the attempted assassination on the pope, among other things. She's written extensively on the subject, including two books, 'The Terror Network,' and 'The Time of Assassins.' She is in Washington attending the Jonathan Groups Terrorism Conference. All right, first, let's take just what's happened at the conference thus far, quickly. Ambassador Kirkpatrick's comments about the Soviet Union. How strong is that tie, provably?

CLAIRE STERLING (terrorism expert): Well, I think the evidence has been available to the Western governments for a long time. They have been unwilling to concede this publicly until very recently. We now have official government reports in several countries, uh, most specifically, one prepared by the Italian military intelligence service, *Sismi, which was published last year, sent as a report to parliament last year, in which they clearly and unconditionally stated that the Red Brigade had been working in, uh, coordination with other groups out of a, an institution in Paris, and that there was a KGB liaison attached to that institution in Paris, and that the KGB had been, had reached the point, by the end of the 1970s, Soviet secret service, where it could

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